Ban on steel imports by foreign countries

†1467. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite being members of World Trade Organization, many countries have adopted measures to impose ban on steel imports in their respective countries;

(b) if so, which are those countries and the measures adopted by them to discourage import of steel in their respective countries;

(c) whether these measures amount to flouting of rules of World Trade Organisation; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Various countries including the US, EC and Canada have taken measures such as impositon of anti-dumping and countervailing duties, safeguard action & monitoring of imports to discourage import of steel in their countries.

(c) and (d) The application of some of these measures is inconsistent with the WTO agreements. Government of India has challenged the imposition of anti-dumping & countervailing duty by the US on import of Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plates from India. It has taken the dispute to the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) of the WTO. The DSB has constituted a panel to examine this issue.

Tapping the sports talents

1468. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be Pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any schemes to tap the talent of budding sports persons in various disciplines;

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